



# RICE SCHEME

Regular Interlaboratory Counting Exchanges

## CLASSIFICATION OF LABORATORY PERFORMANCE

Laboratory No. : **1275**

Period : **16/11/2018** TO **15/11/2019**

Rounds : **110, 111, 112, 113**

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Classification : **Category 1 - GOOD**

### Notes

- 1 The RICE scheme test proficiency in the use of the optical microscopy method of counting asbestos fibres as described in the Health and Safety Executive publication HSG248
- 2 The classifications will be updated after each subsequent round i.e. at 3 - 4 month intervals
- 3 Laboratories which have completed fewer than four rounds are normally classified as AWAITING CLASSIFICATION.
- 4 On completion of four rounds laboratories are classified with the performance category (CATEGORY 1, CATEGORY 2 or CATEGORY 3). Category 1 represents GOOD performance, Category 2 is ACCEPTABLE (but needs improvement), while Category 3 is UNSATISFACTORY performance.

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**SUMMARY OF LABORATORY RESULTS : ROUNDS 110, 111, 112, 113**

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ROUNDS				NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF COUNTS IN PERFORMANCE BANDS			
ROUND	GROUP	BATCH	ROUND DEADLINE DATE	BAND A	BAND A AND BAND B	BAND -C	BAND +C
113	32	40	15 Nov 2019	12	12	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
112	32	35	28 Jun 2019	11	11	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
111	40	49	15 Mar 2019	13	13	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
110	40	56	16 Nov 2018	13	13	0	0
				100%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Four-round average percentages</b>				100%	100%	0%	0%
<b>Category 1 - GOOD</b>							
<b>Categories from previous rounds</b>			<b>ROUND</b>	113	112	111	110
			<b>CATEGORY</b>	1	1	1	1

**CALCULATION OF CATEGORY**

In routine cases, if the four-round average percentage of counts in Band A is 75% or more, the Category is 1; failing that, if the average of counts in Bands A and B combined is 75% or more, the Category is 2; otherwise the Category is 3.

The Category may be subjected to review (e.g. if one of the four rounds was missed or if an extra batch of samples was evaluated)

Full details on the assessment of categories, and on the formal performance classifications, are given in the document "RICE Information for Participants"

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